

*E. intricata arceuthata* (Freyer) probably explains why I did not recognise them in the first place.

It seems only a few years since we welcomed the arrival of *Thera juniperata* (L.) in Cheshire and attributed it to the increased planting of ornamental conifers in parks and gardens; it seems that the arrival of *E. intricata* is likely to have a similar explanation and we are now looking forward to the arrival of *Eupithecia phoeniceata* (Ramb.) and perhaps even *Lithophane leautieri* (Boisd.)

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METOECUS PARADOXUS L. (COL.: RHIPIPHORIDAE) IN N. W. KENT. — In a note in 1984, *Ent. Rec.* 96: 184, I drew attention to the apparent paucity of records of this curious beetle from Kent, compared, for instance, with Surrey; and gave one from Bexleyheath as notable in this respect, as also from its proximity to London. I now report a more recent occurrence in suburban Kent. On a chance meeting Mr. P. W. Barrett, a keen observer of nature, described to me a beetle he had seen that morning (24.viii.86) in his garden between Shooters Hill and Plumstead, resting in the sunshine on a tank, and which he had been much struck by. From his description, which stressed feathery antennae, I was fully satisfied that it must have been a male *Metoecus*. Almost certainly the species is generally distributed in southern England, yet because of its habits not often seen except when suitable wasp nests are dug up. — A. A. ALLEN, 49 Montcalm Road, London, SE7.

HADENA COMPTA D. & S. (LEP.: NOCTUIDAE) IN HAMPSHIRE — I would like to record the capture of a fresh specimen of the varied coronet moth at Martin Down, Hampshire at m.v. light on 5.vii.1987. Neither Goater *The butterflies and moths of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight*, nor Bretherton in Heath's *MBGBI* 9 record this insect from Hampshire. R. R. COOK, 11 Greensome Drive, Fairways, Ferndown, Dorset.

A CASE OF INTERGENERIC COPULATION BETWEEN LYCAENID BUTTERFLIES — During a field trip to Mt. Iti, central Greece, on 11th June, 1987, a copulating pair of Lycaenid butterflies was captured, which, upon closer inspection and to my great surprise, turned out to be a male *Ultraaricia anteros* Freyer and a female *Cyaniris semiargus* Rottemburg.

The *anteros* were very numerous in that area and consisted exclusively of fresh males, the females apparently not having yet emerged, thus suggesting a case of protandry. Perhaps this total absence of female *anteros* is what triggered this abnormal union.

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